

making an excellent point. The concern was not to go so far back to allow for confidential information to be disclosed that might be in violation of other statutes. There is a line, if you look at the amendment on page 1054, there is a line that actually isn't numbered, and isn't underlined, so the draft would need to be changed, but what we do is strike that last line and insert instead of the line that is now saying, "Unless specifically prohibited by statute," we would say, "However, no confidential information shall be shared if prohibited by statute." And the whole goal there is if we adopt this the concern would be that other statutes that have protections in place currently for information might be superseded by this new statute. So this would just clarify that other statutes protecting confidential information would still be valid. I think it's a reasonable compromise, and I...Senator Dierks and I talked about it. I hope it achieves a balance here that he can live with, but I hope Senator Bernard-Stevens can as well, and I'd defer time to Senator Dierks on this opening if you don't mind. I'd defer the rest of my time to Senator Dierks.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Dierks, you have three and a half minutes.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I'm supporting the amendment, of course. My name is on it and I think maybe it takes care of our problems. I wanted to put it on the record to make sure we are talking about the statutes that are existing now and what they would protect, that we would be protecting medical histories, that we would be protecting biological father registering of birth certificates of adopted persons, and, of course, the HIV-AIDS confidentiality records. With that, I'd like to indicate my support for the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator, your light is next. Is there any further discussion of the Wesely amendment to the Bernard-Stevens amendment to LB 1044? Seeing none, Senator Wesely to close.

SENATOR WESELY: I did have a chance to talk to Senator Bernard-Stevens, he is in agreement with the amendment. I hope that it reaches a compromise on this point. I'd ask your adoption of it.